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INDOCHINA

1. BREZHNEV CAUTIONS HANOI THAT THERE MUST BE "COMPLETE AND STRICT FULFILLMENT" OF THE PEACE ACCORD. IMPLYING THAT MOSCOW'S WORD WAS AT STAKE, HE TOLD LE DUAN AND PHAM VAN DONG THAT TOTAL ADHERENCE "BY ALL SIDES ... IS PRECISELY WHAT IS MEANT BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE SOVIET UNION" TO THE PARIS PACT (WSJ).

2. BECKER (WP) REPORTS FROM PP THAT GEN. SOSTHENES ORDERED ALL TROOPS IN PP ON STAND-BY-ALERT IN RESPONSE TO RENEWED GUERRILLA ATTACKS IN SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AREAS NEAR THE CAPITAL. AWOL SOLDIERS WILL BE SHIPPED TO COMBAT DUTY IMMEDIATELY. ORDER IS ATTEMPT TO PUT DISCIPLINE INTO TROOPS GUARDING PP, BUT SOME STILL TAKE IT LIGHTLY.

3. US PLANES FLEW HEAVY STRIKES AROUND PP. GKR TROOPS EVACUATED CHILEA ON ROUTE 6, 30 MILES NORTH OF CAPITAL. KI ATTACKS INCREASED IN ROUTE 2 AND 3 AREAS AND THREE GKR POSITIONS ARE REPORTED SURROUNDED. F-4S BOMB NEAR PHNOM BASSET, 8 MILES FROM PP. TRUCK CONVOY CARRYING RICE AND FISH ARRIVED FROM KOMPONG

SOM (NYT, PHINQ, CHITRIB).

4. GENERAL WEYAND IN SAIGON ON INDOCHINA FACT-FINDING MISSION. GREETED BY GENERAL VOGT, COMMANDER 7TH AIR FORCE, SPARKING SPECULATION THAT ISSUE OF US AIR SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA AFTER AUG. 15 MAY BE ONE OF MAJOR ITEMS ON AGENDA AND TWO GENERALS MAY TRY TO TALK GVN INTO TAKING OVER BOMBING ROLE. WEYAND TO GO TO PP THURSDAY, WILL MEET LON NOL (CHITRIB, WP).

5. RICH (WP) REPORTS THAT SECRET STUDY PREPARED BY SFRC SAYS ESCALATION OF BOMBING IN CAMBODIA, WHICH HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE LEVELLED OFF AGAIN, WAS PLANNED AND PUT INTO EFFECT AT LEAST 5 TO 10 DAYS BEFORE WHITE HOUSE'S JUNE 29 PLEDGE AGAINST FURTHER ESCALATION. STUDY CONTRADICTS CHARGES BY SOME WAR CRITICS THAT PRESIDENT "DOUBLE-CROSSED" CONGRESS.

6. SEARCH FOR TWO MISSING CANDEL OFFICERS AGAIN DELAYED BY DISPUTES BETWEEN VC AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS. VC ACCUSE GVN OF FIRING ARTILLERY INTO SEARCH AREA. CANADIANS SAY FIRING STOPPED, BUT VC WANT LOCAL VC CONFIRMATION (NYT, CSM).

7. SAIGON REPORTS THIRD AIR CRASH IN THREE DAYS, 10 KILLED (NYT).

8. THIEU ANNOUNCES SWEEPING CHANGES IN BUREAUCRACY AIMED AT STAMPING OUT CORRUPTION AND INCREASING EFFICIENCY. COUNTRY'S 278,000 CIVIL SERVANTS WILL BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL OF A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIMSELF. MOVE SEEMS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING GVN ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED VC ATTEMPTS TO WIN CONTROL OF SVN BY POLITICAL MEANS. COMMISSION WILL HAVE OWN SECURITY SYSTEM TO PREVENT COMMUNIST SUBVERSION, AND ALL CIVIL SERVANTS WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO A PERIOD OF "POLITICAL TRAINING" (NYT, CSM, WP).

PRC

9. REPORTING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF VISITING PRC COMSAT GROUP, BETTY BEALE NOTES THAT HUANG CHEN LEFT FOR PEKING, "PROBABLY TO REPORT ON HIS CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT" (S-N JULY 11).

10. NYT CARRIES EXTENDED TEXT OF PRINGLE (REUTER)

STORY FROM PEKING ON AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S LOW-PROFILE APPROACH TO DIPLOMACY, RECOUNTING HIS ACTIVITIES ON A TYPICAL DAY. NOTING THAT ALL US DIPLOMATS IN PEKING SPEAK CHINESE AND HAVE "CHINA EXPERIENCE", UNCLASSIFIED

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CITES AN ENVOY AS SAYING THAT THE US MISSION "HAS INSTANTLY BECOME ONE OF THE BEST IN TOWN." REITERATES WELL-PUBLICIZED OBSERVATION THAT CHIANG CHING'S AND YAO WEN-YUAN'S ATTENDANCE WITH BRUCE AT MID-JUNE BASKETBALL GAME INDICATED THAT THE "LEFT" WAS GIVING ITS IMPRIMATUR TO NEW SINO-US RELATIONSHIP.

11. BRUCE CATCHES UP ON NEWS IN CABLES FROM WASHINGTON, DAILY FILE FROM CONGEN HK, AND DIGEST OF FOREIGN AGENCY REPORTS PREPARED BY CHINESE. REPORTS ALSO THAT AT JULY 4 RECEPTION, WHERE CHINESE AND AMERICANS WERE THE ONLY GUESTS, WANG HAI-JUNG WAS PRESENT, BUT LONG TIME AMERICAN RESIDENTS WHO WORK FOR THE CHINESE AND WHO WERE INVITED STAYED AWAY. BRUCE PLANNING FIRST FORMAL DINNER, AND LATER THIS MONTH WILL HAVE VACATION AT PEITAHU.

12. WU SHU-JEN, CHINESE WHO CLAIMS HE ONCE WAS MAO BODYGUARD AND SWAM TO HK IN 1969, TELLS HOUSE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMITTEE THAT PRC IS MANUFACTURING LARGE QUANTITIES OF HEROIN FOR EXPORT. CLAIMS HE SAW POPPIES GROWN IN SEVERAL KWANGTUN PROVINCE COMMUNES, THAT HE WORKED ACROSS STREET FROM SECRET LABORATORY IN CANTON WHICH MANUFACTURED HEROIN,

AND THAT EVERY 2 MONTHS HE SAW WORKERS LOAD TRUCK WITH BOXES FROM LABORATORY, WHICH WERE TAKEN TO GUNBOAT FOR TRANSPORT TO SEAPORTS. WU SAYS GUNBOATS WERE CAPABLE OF CARRYING CARGO TO HK AND NVN, AND THAT HE SAW BOXES LIKE ONE TAKEN FROM CANTON LAB AT MACAO IN 1970. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGES BY SOME CONGRESSMEN, US AUTHORITIES HAVE MAINTAINED THAT CHINA IS NOT FLOODING WORLD MARKET WITH HEROIN (REUTER).

13. JAPANESE SOURCES IN TOKYO SAY PRC PLANS TRADE AND ECONOMIC EXHIBITION IN US NEXT YEAR TO COINCIDE WITH SIMILAR PEKING FAIR SCHEDULED IN JAPAN AT SAME TIME. JOFC SAYS CHINA APPARENTLY HOPES TO PURCHASE AT LEAST 24 STRATEGIC ITEMS CURRENTLY ON RESTRICTED COCOM LIST. PRC FEELS IT STANDS BETTER CHANCE OF OBTAINING ITEMS FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPAN THAN FROM US, BUT WILL TRY DURING TRADE FAIR TO OBTAIN US PERMISSION TO IMPORT THEM. REPORTS REACHING TOKYO FROM CHINA INDICATE PRC BELIEVES US IS APPROACHING POINT WHERE IT WILL AGREE TO CONSIDERABLE RELAXATION OF COCOM LIST -- AT LEAST WHERE CHINA IS CONCERNED, IN VIEW OF SINO-SOVIET STRAINS. JAPANESE FEEL US MIGHT ALLOW THEM TO SELL COCOM ITEMS TO CHINA, EVEN IF BAN ON SALES BY US COMPANIES REMAINS.

14. BANK OF CHINA REVISES ITS RATE FOR CHINESE YUAN AGAINST HK DOLLAR TO 37.95 YUAN FOR 100 HK DOLLARS. NEW ADJUSTMENT CUTS REVALUATION OF YUAN TO 0.13 FROM 5.23 ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. HK DEALERS SAY MOVE POSSIBLY MOTIVATED BY MORE REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY SITUATION, OVERNIGHT STRENGTH OF US DOLLAR AND BY DECLARED INTENTION OF HK FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES NOT TO BE FORCED INTO REVALUATION OF HK CURRENCY (REUTER; JOFC).

15. US CODEL, THEIR WIVES AND 3 DOS OFFICIALS, END 2 DAYS IN HEART OF CHINA'S ANCIENT CIVILIZATION WITH VISIT TO HISTORIC PANPO VILLAGE EXCAVATION. US DELEGATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LEADING MEMBERS OF SHENSI PROVINCIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAU (AP, WP).

16. AEC SAYS RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES FROM RECENT PRC NUCLEAR TEST PASSED OVER US AT HIGH ALTITUDE. READINGS AT MONITORING STATIONS SHOWED NOTHING BUT BACKGROUND TO WHICH ONE IS NORMALLY EXPOSED, AEC SPOKESMAN SAYS (AP, WP).

17. PRC REPORTS THAT DESPITE DROUGHT AND HAIL, PRODUCTION IN 3 IMPORTANT WHEAT-PRODUCING AREAS IS ROUGHLY 10 BETTER THAN A972. NCNA SAYS POLITICAL INSPIRATION FROM LEADERS IN FIELDS HAD LOT TO DO WITH SUCCESS (AP, PHINQ).

18. CHINA AND MALAYSIA CONCLUDE WEEK-LONG PRELIMINARY ROUND OF OFFICIAL TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS (AFP, WP).

THAILAND

19. THAI MILITARY SOURCES ASSERT THAT, DESPITE DENIALS BY US AND THAI OFFICIALS, MOVE IS AFOOT TO ORGANIZE 5,000-MAN "VOLUNTEER" THAI FORCE TO

FIGHT IN CAMBODIA AND ATTEMPT TO PROP UP FANK, FACED WITH END OF US AIR SUPPORT (WSJ).

MONGOLIA

20. PHINQ UPI DISPATCH NOTES MONGOLIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING AT LEEDS BY FSOS NATHANSON AND BROWN, REPORTS SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS BY US-MPR OFFICIALS AT UN ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

JAPAN

21. CULLISON (JOFC), IN TOKYO, SAYS JAPAN WILL MAKE URGENT PLEA FOR GUARANTEED STABLE SUPPLY OF FARM PRODUCTS WHEN ECONCOM OPENS. OHIRA EXPECTED TO OUTLINE JAPANESE POSITION ON THIS IN OPENING MEETING. US MINISTER EDMOND TELLS SOCIETY OF MODERNIZATION IN TOKYO THAT US WILL PROVIDE JAPAN RESTRICTED BUT ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SOYBEANS, SOYBEAN OIL CAKE AND SOYBEAN MEAL.

22. JOFC TOKYO STATES 5 JAPANESE BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS -- UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO CONCERN OVER BOYCOTTS AGAINST THEIR PRODUCTS IN MARKETS OF THAILAND, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA AND ELSEWHERE IN SEA -- HAVE JOINTLY PUBLISHED GUIDELINES FOR THEIR INVESTMENT OPERATIONS IN RLD'S DEVELOPING REGIONS.

AUSTRALIA

23. FIRST TEST OF MELBOURNE DOCKERS' REFUSAL TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SERVICE US-FLAG SHIPS, IN PROTEST AGAINST US BOMBING ACTIVITIES IN SEA, PROBABLY WILL COME FRIDAY WHEN PFEL'S PHILIPPINE BEAR CALLS. IF MELBOURNE WORKERS CARRY OUT THREAT, IT MAY PROVOKE RETALIATORY ACTION BY ILA AT US ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS. BUT ANY ILA MOVE WOULD HAVE TO BE AIMED AT SOMETHING OTHER THAN AUSTRALIAN-FLAG SHIPS, SINCE THERE IS "AT MOST ONE SUCH VESSEL" IN THE TRADE (JOFC).

24. USSR PRESENTS LENIN PEACE PRIZE TO AUSTRALIAN-BORN NOVELIST JAMES ALDRIDGE (AP, CSM).

PHILIPPINES

25. JOFC'S STRAUSS REPORTS REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE IN PHILS -- YALE-TRAINED CORPORATE LAWYER TEODORO PENA -- HAS BEEN TOURING

ASIA, ENCOURAGING INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AND PLAYING UP PROGRESS IN HIS COUNTRY SINCE INTRODUCTION OF MARTIAL LAW.

26. GOP, BRACING FOR RICE SHORTAGE, DIRECTS MILITARY COMMANDERS TO KEEP RICE MOVING TO MARKETS AND PREVENT HOARDING OR PANIC BUYING (AP, WP).

KOREA

27. POND (CSM), IN TOKYO, REPORTS THAT ROK, IN LATEST CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS, ARRESTED 4 CHRISTIAN LEADERS ON CHARGES OF PLANNING ANTI-GOVERNMENT REVOLT, AND REFERRED OTHERS TO SUMMARY COURT. POND SAYS RECENT LULL IN GOVERNMENT ARRESTS WAS POSSIBLY AIMED AT CREATING GOOD IMPRESSION DURING BILLY GRAHAM VISIT TO SEOUL, ALTHOUGH FROM TIME OF MARTIAL LAW ROK "HAD MORE OR LESS TREATED CHRISTIAN LEADERS WITH KID GLOVES. . . INFORMATION REACHING TOKYO INDICATES THAT SURVEILLANCE OF KOREAN CITIZENS' PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS HAS BECOME MORE SEVERE IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS."

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SINGAPORE

28. FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INVESTMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN ASIAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES OPENS IN SINGAPORE. MEETING, FIRST TO BE HELD OUTSIDE US, IS BEING ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 300 LAWYERS FROM S8 COUNTRIES (REUTER, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

29. NYT EXPRESSES VIEW THAT IN SEEKING A CAMBODIA C-F, ADMINISTRATION APPEARS TO BE OPERATING ON SAME FAULTY PREMISE THAT FRUSTRATED US MILITARY EFFORTS IN INDOCHINA FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES: THE ASSUMPTION THAT CONTENDING FORCES ARE DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED BY FOREIGN INFLUENCES AND HAVE RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT INDIGENOUS MOTIVATION OR STRENGTH. NEW US PEACE EFFORT IS DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT PEKING, WHERE IT IS HOPED THE CHINESE CAN BE INDUCED TO PERSUADE SIHANOUK AND HIS COMMUNIST ALLIES TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY TO THE US. BUT IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT PEKING HAS SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE OVER SIHANOUK AND CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS TO COMPEL THEM TO ABANDON THE VICTORY THAT NOW APPEARS NEAR. IT SEEMS EQUALLY FUTILE TO HOPE, AS DEFSEC SCHLESINGER SUGGESTED, THAT FIVE MORE WEEKS OF US BOMBING - OR EVEN FIVE MORE YEARS, IF CONGRESS WOULD PERMIT IT - WOULD ALLOW MORE TIME FOR "SUFFICIENT IMPROVEMENT" IN CORRUPT AND INEFFECTIVE GKR "SO THAT CONDITIONS CAN BE STABILIZED." AS IN TAM NOTED IN PP, KHMER PROBLEM IS ONE FOR KHMERS TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES.

30. LAT'S JACQUES LESLIE DESCRIBES QUANG TRI CITY, POPULATED BY 40,000 BEFORE 1972 COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE. NOT ONE STRUCTURE ESCAPED MAJOR DAMAGE. NEW OCCUPANTS OF CITY ARE SVN MARINES AND MEMBERS OF ICCS WHO HAVE CLEARED DEBRIS TO MAKE ROOM FOR TENTS AND A FEW WOODEN STRUCTURES. AT EDGE OF CITY IS THE THACH HAN RIVER WHICH IS NOW THE BORDER BETWEEN RVN AND PRG TERRITORY. ON THEIR SIDE, PRG HAS SET UP TENTS WHICH SERVE AS RECEPTION CENTER FOR VISITORS AND PRISONERS RELEASED IN EXCHANGES DURING LAST FEW MONTHS. RVN AND PRG MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS ACROSS THE RIVER, BUT USUALLY DROWN EACH OTHER OUT.

31. S-N'S CROSBY NOYES (JULY 10) SUGGESTS THAT AS THE MAN NOBODY CAN REALLY TRUST, SIHANOUK MAY BE THE IDEAL LEADER TO END CAMBODIA WAR. AT THIS POINT NEITHER CHINESE, AMERICANS, RUSSIANS NOR ANY PARTIES TO CAMBODIAN CONFLICT CAN HAVE MUCH CONFIDENCE IN WHAT SIHANOUK WILL DO AND THIS MAY BE HIS ULTIMATE QUALIFICATION FOR RETURN TO POWER. US INTEREST IS ALMOST ENTIRELY CONFINED TO PUTTING AN END TO FIGHTING. IT MAY BE NAIVE TO BELIEVE THAT, ONCE C-F GOES INTO EFFECT, NVN WILL HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW FORCES FROM CAMBODIA. BUT THERE IS AT LEAST A CHANCE THAT SIHANOUK WOULD DO HIS BEST TO GET THEM OUT AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE BACKING OF BOTH

THE PRC AND USG.

32. CHET COOPER, NOW A WOODROW WILSON FELLOW, REFERS TO PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE ORPHANS. SAYS IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT A "LASTING PEACE", WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON VIETNAMESE PEOPLE RATHER THAN ON VIETNAMESE THINGS; BRIDGES, ROADS, RAIL LINES WILL, SOONER OR LATER, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, BE REBUILT. THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY OF SALVAGING A GENERATION OF YOUNG VIETNAMESE WOULD BE TO TURN OVER THE MAJOR PART OF OUR AID DIRECTLY TO UNICEF (NYT). ROGERS

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